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SUBJ: CUBA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SEYCHELLES

1. GRANMA, APRIL 14, ANNOUNCES THAT CUBA HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES. NO INDICATION IS GIVEN AS TO WHETHER A CUBAN DIPLOMATIC MISSON WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN SEYCHELLES.

2. COMMENT: PRINCIPAL CUBAN MOTIVATION BEHIND UPGRADING OF TIES WITH SEYCHELLES IS PRESUMABLY TO EXPAND CIRCLE OF NON-ALIGNED STATES WITH WHICH CUBA ENJOYS FRIENDLY TIES. CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA AND VICE-MINISTERS ANILLO, VIERA, AND FERNANDEZ COSSIO HAVE VISITED NUMEROUS NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS IN RECENT WEEKS IN EFFORT TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR 1979 HAVANA NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND PRESUMABLY TO OFFSET WESTERN ACCUSATIONS OF CUBAN SUBSERVIENCE TO THE USSR. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, APPARENT EXPANSION OF CUBAN INTERESTS IN STRATEGIC
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HORN OF AFRICA AREA AS EVIDENCED BY BEGINNING OF SEYCHELLES RELATIONSHIP, IS PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO SOMALIA AND ITS BACKERS. A SUBSIDIARY, BUT IMPORTANT, MOTIVE MAY BE CUBA'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE ITS ACCESS TO INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES - AN EFFORT IT WISHES TO PURSUE BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL HELP AND FORMING JOINT VENTURES WITH LITTORAL STATES. (NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENT VISIT BY CUBAN FISHERY MINISTER VELAZ TO MOZAMBIQUE.)

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